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Message from 2017 Board Chair, Federal Glover



Winter Rains Expose Infrastructure Needs

The torrential rains that hit California last winter exposed the poor state of our infrastructure. From the crumbling spillway at Oroville Lake Dam, the landslides on Highway 1 that cut off Big Sur from the rest of the world, to the flooding that

inundated various cities, it is obvious that we need to repair and update some of our biggest and older infrastructure.

In Contra Costa, we've had roads closed for weeks as roadways collapsed and sinkholes appeared. Some of the levees protecting us from the Delta are over 100 years old. They were put to the test in the spring when the massive amounts of snow in the Sierras melted and found its way to the Delta. The pumping station at Clifton Court Forebay that delivers water to Southern California had to be shut down for erosion repair caused by the strong river flows.

Some of our freeway overpasses and interchanges are poorly designed and dangerous for drivers. Our public transit system needs to be looked at to better coordinate the bus and rail transportation into a seamless and affordable system. Clearly, the roads and bridges that connect our communities, provide for our commerce, allow us to live the California lifestyle that we are accustomed to are in desperate need of repair. The American Society of Civil Engineers gives the US a D grade for its roads and a C-plus grade for its bridges. The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that almost \$1 trillion is needed to improve the current interstate and highway system in the US.

"In suburbs, the big challenge is repairing the existing highway system," Christopher Leinberger, chair of the center for Real Estate and Urban Analysis at George Washington University, told Business Insider. "Ideally, there won't be any new highway capacity built because we can't afford to maintain what we have." But we do need to expand our roadway system. We need to build connections eastward to connect with the Central Valley to open up the County's back door and improve commerce for our businesses.

Byron Airport is waiting in the wings for improvements so it can relieve our busy Bay Area airports from some of the air traffic and shipping business generated from our ever-growing online shoppers. We also need to expand and improve our internet connections so that people working out of their homes or doing business on the internet can use the newest technologies to improve communication and to be more competitive.

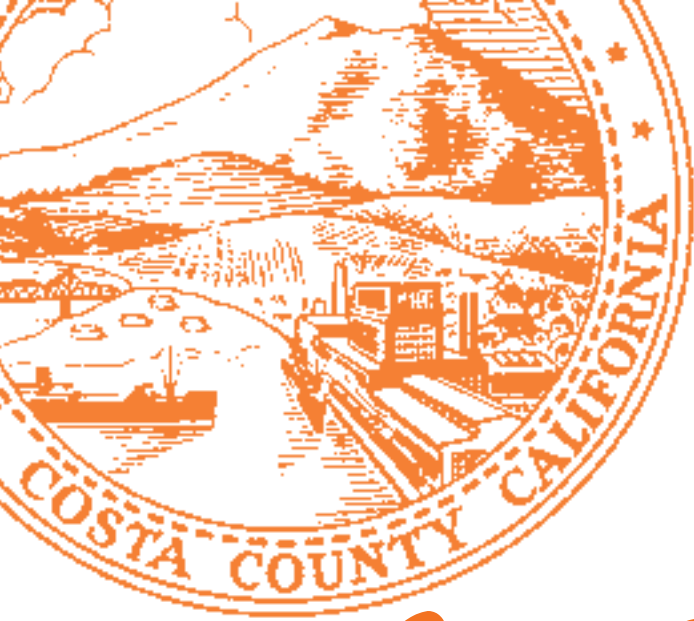
This kind of failing infrastructure threatens not only people's safety, but also the American economy, says Business Insider in an article titled: "There's a \$1 trillion crisis threatening the American way of life as we know it." There are about 4.2 million miles of public roadway in the US, according to the Federal Highway Administration. And in 2016 alone, there were 3.2 trillion miles driven on these roadways. All of this traffic is wearing on our roads. In fact, 32 percent or one-third of major urban roads in the U.S. are in poor condition and in need of improvement, according to a November report by Trip, a national transportation research group.

We can't fix all our infrastructure needs overnight, a month, or even in a year. The county – with funding from the State and the Federal government, will proceed one project at a time. The repairs and expansion of our infrastructure is a nationwide need and we will have to compete with other counties and states for that funding.

We can identify the necessary repairs, plan and design for replacement or new infrastructure while we concurrently seek the funding. It is an enormous undertaking, but one that needs to be started now. In fact, Public Works has already launched an overview of our infrastructure needs for our 660 miles of county roads and small bridges. The recent rains underline the need to put these projects on the front burner.

One of President Donald Trump's campaign promises that received bipartisan support was his vow to spend \$1 trillion to repair America's infrastructure. However, details about his plan remain murky at best and according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, about three times that amount is needed. Forebodingly, we are seeing the direction that the Trump Administration is going. The Federal government has already targeted some California transportation projects and environmental protections for defunding. Where will the President find the infrastructure funding and at the same time fulfill other promises such as tax cuts and the construction of a \$25-billion wall on our border with Mexico?

We live in uncertain times but we, and the rest of the nation, can only wait to see what Trump's final program recommendations are as they are presented to Congress which make the final appropriations. While we fret about borders, travel bans and crowd sizes, Mother Nature waits for no one – Winter is coming!



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Contra Costa County's Emergency Response

Contra Costa County Workforce: Responding to the Call during Emergencies

This time last year, the Bay Area was entering into the 6th year of an historic drought that plagued all parts of California. We were conserving water where we could, trying out new drought-tolerant landscaping, and wondering if we'd ever need an umbrella again. Fast forward to an early Winter series of storms that reminded us just how fickle the weather can be. Then 2017 arrived, and brought an extraordinary number of storms in January and February that definitively put the emergency declaration of a severe drought in the rear view mirror.

The Winter storms did more than catch us off guard; they resulted in declared emergencies of their own, and caused millions of dollars in damage in various locations throughout Contra Costa County. Mudslides, downed trees and severe roadway damage kept Public Works, Sheriff and Fire personnel on the go at all hours of the day and night. The first significant road closure came in January along a stretch of Alhambra Valley Road in the unincorporated area near El Sobrante. A huge chunk of roadway collapsed, washing nearly 70 feet of roadway into Pinole Creek. The needed repairs will be more complicated than might be expected, and the roadway remains closed.

The relentless rains brought more damage, and on February 24th, a landslide in a rural part of Clayton isolated about 250 residents when a big stretch of Morgan Territory Road failed and slid down a hillside. The sliding continued for weeks, sometimes in small increments, and other times at up to one foot of movement per day. That rendered the roadway unusable for a mile-long segment, meaning residents had to walk to get to their cars and trucks, which had to be parked outside the slide area. To complicate matters, the landslide also damaged the water line and interrupted PG&E service.

With so many residents affected in so many ways, the County's Emergency Operations Center was activated to coordinate





the response and recovery. Many County departments have been involved in the management of the Morgan Territory Road closure. Public Works crews have been the work horses, with staff from various divisions, ranging from Transportation to Purchasing to Real Estate, putting in long hours. Public Safety workers, including Sheriff's leadership and deputies, and representatives from a variety of Fire agencies, have also been critical to the cause. Conservation and Development jumped in as garbage and recycling services were unavailable for residents for a time. Animal Services also joined in the effort with residents needing help with feed for livestock. Veterans Services sprung to the rescue as drivers when golf carts and other small vehicles were deployed onsite to help shuttle people from their homes to locations where their cars were parked. First term Supervisor Supervisor Diane Burgis and her staff have also spent countless hours handling phone calls from residents, attending public meetings, and helping keep the flow of information going to the residents cut-off by the slide.

Morgan Territory Road is now being reconstructed, with an expected completion of the new roadway in October. In order to allow crews to do the major overhaul of the road, it has to be closed completely to the public. Public Works built a temporary access road that allows residents to get in and out of the area, all while they get a first-hand look at the complex and thorough preparation work needed to construct the permanent roadway.

All told, the Winter storms caused millions in damages to property throughout the unincorporated part of the County. Damage within our cities was also extensive. The County and several of our cities issued disaster declarations, and the State of California approved those declarations. Public Works has

been working with the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assess damage and determine where the State or Federal governments will be able to reimburse us for repair costs.

As we watch the emergency response continue in Texas and other parts of the country damaged by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods, we can be thankful that our own damages weren't worse throughout the County. After years of drought, the Winter rains were a welcome sight for many reasons, but the storms of 2017 will be remembered in Contra Costa County for the extensive damage they caused, and the heroic efforts of hundreds of County employees to handle repairs and help residents get their lives back to normal. Congratulations and thank you to all employees who have helped!

39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Commemoration*



Board of Supervisors Chair Federal Glover kicks off the Ceremony

Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors played host to a large audience of community members and county staff to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plans are already underway for the County's 40th annual event; mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The nomination period is now open for both student and adult humanitarians of the year. County employees are welcome to submit nominations; find out more at the [Dr. King Ceremony website](#).



Above: Humanitarian of the Year James Noe thanks the County for the recognition



Above: Entertainer Terrance Kelly, accompanied by Ben Heveroh, set the tone with a stirring performance

Inset: Sharon Hymes-Offord, County Risk Manager & Chair of the MLK Day planning team, welcomes the crowd

Left: Board of Supervisors with 2017 Humanitarian of the Year James Noe

39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Commemoration Continued*



Student Humanitarian of the Year Paige Godvin & her family, joined by Supervisors Federal Glover and Diane Burgis



Left: It wouldn't be an MLK ceremony without an incredible post-event lunch! – Which included birthday cake.



Lunch is courtesy of the talented team from EHSD's Community Services Bureau Head Start Central Kitchen – County staff members not only do the cooking, but they help serve as well. Thank you!

An *Unprecedented* Year for *Yellowjackets*

A Rainy Winter and Hot Summer Leads to Dramatic Population Increase

If you feel as if you are seeing more yellowjackets this year, you would be right. They are out and they are numerous – all thanks to the return of rain earlier this year. During California's recent drought, vegetation died along with small pest insects – a favorite snack for yellowjackets. With decreasing food and habitat, many insects and animals suffered and populations declined. District inspectors witnessed this phenomenon first hand as requests for yellowjacket services decreased. Between the first and the last year of the drought, requests for the District's yellowjacket service dropped 62.5 percent. This year, however, the numbers of requests are, as the Vector Control Aide Heidi Budge recently said, "unprecedented."

Budge has worked with the District's ground-nesting yellowjacket program for eight seasons. She's seen the size and number of nests in a rainy year, like 2011, and the dry years of the drought. This year, she says she's responding to more daily inspection requests than she can ever recall before. "In a typical season, I average three or four inspections per day, but so far this year, particularly this Summer – I've averaged seven or eight requests every day. Lately, I've even come in to find 20 requests or more waiting for me – all on the same day."

The increase in yellowjacket activity has prompted the District's Ground-Nesting Yellowjacket Program Supervisor Sheila Currier to extend the District's usual response time from 24 hours to up to four business days, and she's had to call in reinforcements.

"When we didn't see yellowjacket activity until April this year, we couldn't imagine the population would grow so rapidly. But once we started seeing yellowjackets, there's no unseeing them. They are out and they are everywhere.

Not only do I have Heidi responding to requests for service, I've had to ask

members of the mosquito, rat, mouse, and skunk teams to help with service calls, too."



So, what can you do if you discover a yellowjacket nest on your property?

Locate, Mark & Map the Nest Location

- Ground nesting yellowjackets build nests in existing holes including abandoned rodent holes and the voids under shrubs and other bushes. Once you find a nest, **mark the location** with a tool, stick or other object relatively close to the nest. Then, **draw a simple map** of the property to show where the nest is located and **tape the map** on the front door or front gate. The map helps the District inspector find the nest which may otherwise be camouflaged by vegetation.

Contact the District

- The District only provides service for ground-nesting yellowjackets. If you have identified a ground nest, [call](#), [Email](#), or visit the District's website to [request yellowjacket service](#). With the current number of requests, a District employee is usually able to visit your property within four business days.

Inspection and Treatment

- Once a District employee locates the nest and treats it, keep the nest and surrounding area dry for 48 hours to allow the treatment to work.

A few last tips:

- Queens lay eggs to produce more yellowjackets workers that go out in search of food to support the colony. Nests can be home to **thousands of yellowjackets**. If you find a nest, **don't try to treat it yourself!** [Contact the District](#).
- Yellowjackets are attracted to picnics and barbeques because they **eat bits of meat and fish** in addition to small pest insects.
- **Don't swat at yellowjackets.** When humans swat at the yellowjackets, they release a hormone known as a pheromone. That pheromone carries a scent that attracts more yellowjackets ready to defend the members of their colony.
- Yellowjackets can **sting and bite repeatedly**. They can cause pain and for someone with an allergy, an allergic reaction.
- The District provides **free treatment of ground nesting yellowjacket nests only** because the two subterranean species in Contra Costa County tend to be more aggressive and because people have more opportunities to have direct interaction with a nest that is under their feet.

So when it comes to ground nesting yellowjackets this year, yes they are plentiful, but you're not in this alone. Contact the District — we've got your back! www.contracostamosquito.com





Sheriff's Office Opens Substation in *Bayo Vista*

The Office of the Sheriff recently received a two-year Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant to fund collaborative law enforcement-community partnerships that aim to improve or establish relationships with the communities we serve.



Above Left to right: Deputy Sheriff Greg Jackson, John Angel - John Swett Unified School District, Deputy Sheriff Sam Noble, Undersheriff Mike Casten, Stefanie Monge - Contra Costa Housing Authority, Vincent Manuel - Senior District V Representative for Supervisor Federal Glover



With the funds, the Office of the Sheriff, in partnership with the YMCA, the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County, and other community partners, will develop a program that will effectively engage residents at the Bayo Vista Housing Development in the community of Rodeo. With a focus on youth, the partnership strives to enhance safety, well-being, health, education and trust. A Sheriff's Office substation has already opened in the community and a Resident Deputy now works directly with the residents and community on quality of life issues and crime prevention.

Contra Costa County Prioritizes

Environmental Sustainability

Contra Costa County has a new emphasis on going green! At the end of 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that details the many ways we will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and improve air quality. Implementing the CAP will help us adapt to climate change impacts such as floods, drought, rising sea levels, and more extreme heat events. The CAP is strongly informed by interest in enhancing the quality of life and improving health for everyone in Contra Costa County, supporting the local economy, and lowering energy bills.

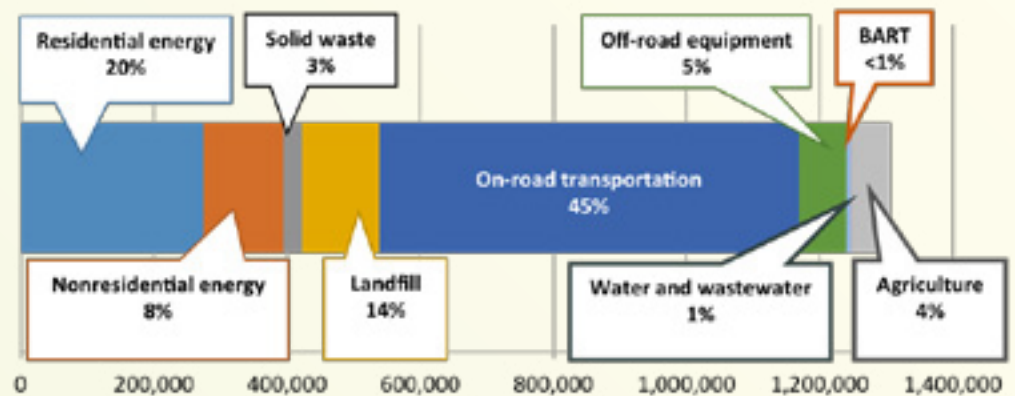


What Is A Climate Action Plan?

As you can see in the graph, the vast majority of emissions come from transportation, specifically cars, followed by buildings, which are identified above as “residential” and “non-residential” energy.

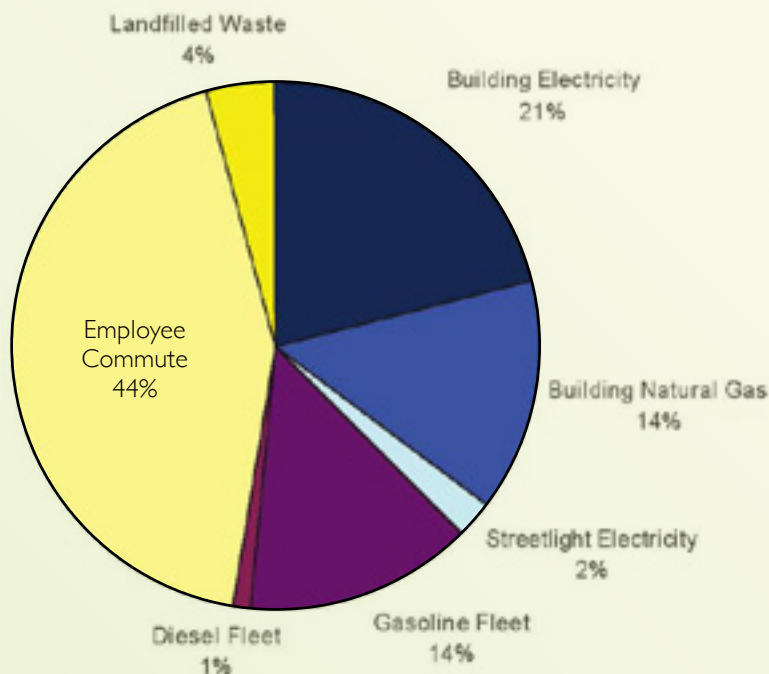
The County in 2008 looked at emissions only from County operations. You can see in the pie chart (below) that those results are similar to the Countywide emissions profile, with “employee commute” (aka cars) producing by far the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions, and buildings next.

The Climate Action Plan looks at where greenhouse gas emissions come from in the County overall:



MTCO2e – aka “how much carbon?”

Figure 1. Countywide Greenhouse Gas Emissions



The steps we are taking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions fall into the following categories:

- Energy Efficiency: how can we better use energy in our buildings?
- Renewable Energy: how can we install more non-fossil energy sources like solar and wind?
- Land Use and Transportation: how can we develop our communities so we are able to get around using less fossil fuel?
- Waste: how can we reduce the amount of waste we produce?
- Water: how can we use less water?
- Government Operations: how can County government lead by example?

We will highlight specific accomplishments in these areas in this column – please send us your examples!

Figure 2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions from County Operations



DCD News Continued

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Sustainability Exchange for Local Government Employees

In January, at the direction of the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee, we launched a new Sustainability Exchange for anyone in Contra Costa County who works for a city, county, special district, or other organization with a governing board of elected officials. The Sustainability Exchange is a venue for local government staff who work on sustainability issues to network and learn from one another. The group meets quarterly at different locations around the County.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in the Sustainability Exchange just contact me and we'll add you to the list. The next meeting will be in October.

New Citizen Sustainability Commission

Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors appointed a Sustainability Commission to advise the Board on how to more effectively implement the Climate Action Plan and engage County residents. 35 people applied for 11 voting seats on this new Commission! The Sustainability Commission members include:

- Nick Despota, Member, District 1
- Victoria Smith, Member, District 2
- Reid Edwards, Alternate, District 2
- John Sierra, Member, District 3
- Gretchen Logue, Alternate, District 3
- Wes Sullens, Member, District 4
- Travis Curran, Alternate, District 4
- Charles Davidson, Member, District 5
- Mark Thomson, Alternate, District 5
- Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group
- Harry Thurston, At-Large, Community Group
- Kathy Cutting, At-Large, Business
- Nicholas Snyder, At-Large, Business
- Doria Robinson, At-Large, Environmental Justice
- Scott Warfe, At-Large, Education

You can learn more about the Sustainability Commission members [here](#).

Stay in Touch!

While the Sustainability Coordinator position is housed in the Department of Conservation and Development (I started in June 2016), the position is a resource to all County departments. Please send me your thoughts and ideas on how we can help the County be more green! I can be reached at 925-674-7871, Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us.

A Team Effort to Beat Ringworm



Ringworm, it sounds gross. All you think of are those little round marks that you think are made by worms under your skin. It's not worms, but it is a highly contagious fungal infection. Those nasty little spores can really spread all over the place and cause havoc, making us kitties look pretty awful. So when 13 kitties arrived at CCAS with Ringworm it was seriously all hands on deck in the medical center. The vets worked hard on diagnosing our new arrivals and putting together treatment plans. And did you know that after all that dipping, we glowed in the dark?

And then came the fun part. Sulphur dips. Oh, the smell of rotten eggs and getting us kitties wet was not going over well. Nope, we put up a fuss and tried every possible yoga pose to keep our tails out of that smelly concoction, but the Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) and the Vet Assistants did their magic and got everyone dipped and dipped and dipped and . . . so on. Let's not even talk about the yucky tasting medicine and how much fun THAT was to give.

Now dipping isn't the end of the story. Remember that this is highly contagious. Well the Shelter Team jumped in and cleaned and scrubbed and disinfected the kennels. And because of everyone pulling together and working as a team, fifteen of my furry friends were treated with no spread of the disease. Some of my new glow in the dark friends went to transfer partners and one went to a foster home. But the majority of them were placed for adoption right here at Contra Costa Animal Services. I guess you could say they all had "glowing" reports!



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Celebrates Cesar Chavez



Dances from Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno delighted the audience with a colorful opening act to kick off the celebration



Dr. Cesar A. Cruz delivered a passionate and inspiring speech that honored the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez and challenged the audience to reflect on the daily opportunities to continue the fight for social justice.

From marching 76-straight miles, to hunger striking for 26 days, César has dedicated his life to fighting for justice. Born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, César migrated to the U.S. with a single mother and grandmother. He grew up in Compton and moved to the Bay Area to study.

Above Left: Supervisor Federal Glover provided welcoming remarks for the Cesar E. Chavez Annual Celebration event.

Middle: The Chair of the planning committee was Robin Lipetsky, Public Defender - introduces the 24th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Celebration. This year's theme for the celebration was "Strength in Unity" and it was beautifully captured by the powerful speakers, inspirational youth and artistic display throughout the program.

Below Left: Co-keynote speaker by Dr. G. Reyes who connected the important role the Filipino Community played during the fight for social justice and worker rights along with Cesar E. Chavez in California.

G. Reyes holds a PhD in Education from UC Berkeley, an MA in Teaching from the Center for Social Justice and Teaching Excellence from the University of San Francisco, and a BS in Industrial Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Before pursuing higher education, he attended California public schools in Pittsburg, Oakland, and Alameda.



Audience attentively listening to the words of powerful speakers. The 24th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Celebration once again filled the Board of Supervisor Chambers by community members from throughout the county.

Cesar Chavez Celebration CONTINUED



Mariachi Dinastía Torres delighted the audience with beautiful music and powerful voices. These talented musicians are originally from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico and are residents of San Pablo, Richmond and Pittsburg.



Pictured Right:

Youth Hall of Fame - 2017 Honorees

Perseverance: Charlie Cleberg
12th grade, Hercules High School

Valiant Volunteer: Trey Hall
12th grade, Antioch High School

Good Samaritan: Shreejal Luitel
9th grade, Middle College High

Creative Leader: Vicente Mancia
10th grade, De Anza High School

Team Work: Sarah Nunnink
12th grade, Heritage High School



Youth Hall of Fame - 2017 Honorees



Left: from left to right: Steve Piersol, City of San Ramon, Operations Manager, Parks and Community Services; Supervisor Candace Andersen; California Assembly Member Catharine Baker; Bill Clarkson, Mayor - City of San Ramon; Harry Sachs, SR City Councilmember; Phillip O'Loane, SR City Councilmember; Senior Library Manager Nancy Kreiser; Scott Perkins, SR City Councilmember; County Librarian Melinda Cervantes

After a complete renovation of the existing building, the San Ramon Library welcomed more than 4,000 visitors and issued 400 new library cards during its grand reopening.



This year, the
Contra Costa County Library

is celebrating a brand new library, a completely renovated library and major improvements to the grounds at a third branch.

Right: A young patron enjoying the new children's section, A patron with Curious George, Patrons enjoying balloon animals.

Below: Never ending storytime during the Grand Opening;





Above: County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and members of the SPAWNERS (San Pablo Creek Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society) cutting the ribbon

On August 19: The San Pablo Library marked the grand opening of a brand new 22,000 square foot library on San Pablo Avenue.

September 9: The El Sobrante Library showcased all new landscaping, a new parking lot, mini-park and small amphitheater.



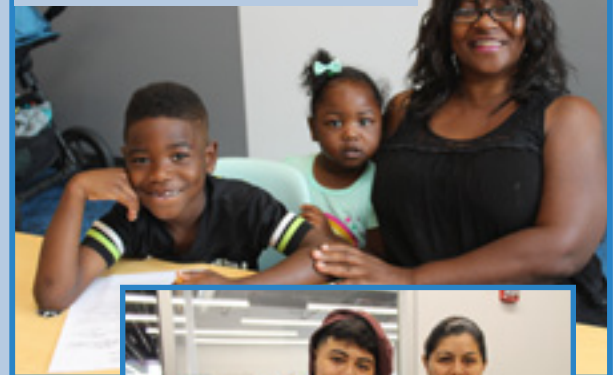
Above: Members of the SPAWNERS spreading mulch around the newly landscaped area behind the library



Left: A view of the completed landscaping and amphitheater



A family enjoying the new library



Above Left: San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez, City Councilmember Paul V. Morris, City Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Supervisor Gioia, Vice Mayor Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor Cecilia Valdez, San Pablo Community Library Manager Gia Paolini, County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and City Councilmember Arturo Cruz cutting the ribbon at the San Pablo Library Grand Opening



Left: Members of the 501st Legion with members of the San Pablo Police Department



County Service Awards & Retirements with 20+ Years of Service*

Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Fonseca, Ralph V 25 Years
Vargas, Jorge 20 Years

Assessor's Office

Cantu, Robin D 30 Years
Ridolfi, Eleanor T 30 Years
Yu, Shiu Kit 30 Years
Choroski, Paul 20 Years
Ly, Jenni 20 Years
Sueoka, Thomas 20 Years

Auditor-Controller's Office

Webber, Jennifer L 25 Years
Wilson, April D 25 Years

Board of Supervisors

Patton, Cynthia H 25 Years

Child Support Services

Lloyd, Denise 35 Years
Giudici-Garber, Denise D 25 Years
Moore, Lori A 25 Years

Conservation and Development

Huggett, Thomas J 30 Years
Wong, Raymond K 25 Years

Contra Costa Fire District

Penaloza, Franklin 30 Years
Cheng, Herbert 25 Years
Prescott, Kevin A 25 Years
Rowden, Deandra 20 Years
West, Jo Ann 20 Years

County Administrator's Office

Nielsen, Donald A 35 Years
Webster, Sheryl 35 Years
Vo, Tri Tan 30 Years
Wallace, Leonard A 20 Years

County Clerk-Recorder's Office

Waters, Chuck 20 Years

Employment and Human Services

Cox, Laura A 35 Years
Kelly, Katherine 35 Years
Lavow, Karen 35 Years
Polvorosa, Rosmairi 35 Years
Bush, Gretchen S 30 Years
Daria, Edna G 30 Years
Epps, Lisa L 30 Years
Mendoza, Elenita A 30 Years
Tierney, Diana L 30 Years
Bienkowski, Bonnie J 25 Years
Chiu, Grace K 25 Years
Cook, Deanna K 25 Years
Gwaltney, Gail M 25 Years
Herman, Cynthia L 25 Years
Knapp, Rebecca S 25 Years
Majette, Marie A 25 Years
Murphy, Phyllis L 25 Years
Perry, Michelle M 25 Years
Williams, Ella L 25 Years
August, Denise M 20 Years
Bedros, Magda S 20 Years
Caballero, Ana 20 Years
Edlund, Doris 20 Years

EHSD Continued

McElderry, Doretha 20 Years
Nunez, Hortencia M 20 Years
Ortega, Maria G 20 Years
Rojas, Stephanie A 20 Years
Fagout, Remie 20 Years
Lalgudi, Seshasubbaraman 20 Years
Megia, Editha S 20 Years
Pereira, Leticia 20 Years
Schlesinger, Karen 20 Years

Health Services Department

Barnett, Lori 35 Years
Boungnasith, Sengkham 35 Years
Ferrara, Debra 35 Years
Jeffrey-Henry, Waynette 35 Years
Mc Clain, Carlotta A 35 Years
Perez, Heriberto 35 Years
Roberts, April R 35 Years
Berger, Christina M 30 Years
Imhof, Brigitte E 30 Years
Keilch, Rusty 30 Years
Lerma, Irma R 30 Years
Lindsey, Jacqueline L 30 Years
Nguyen, Maggie L 30 Years
Ong, Henry S 30 Years
Paul, Suda 30 Years
Root, Denise K 30 Years
Salas, Annie P 30 Years
Sell, Debra K 30 Years
Shiles, Deborah L 30 Years
Walker, Rosalind R 25 Years
Ambriz, Julie L 25 Years
Brekke, Joanne 25 Years
Curtis, Deborah L 25 Years
Daviner, Jami R 25 Years
Doakes, Theresa D 25 Years
Dockham, Carla T 25 Years
Duazo, Maria P 25 Years
Farnitano, Christopher 25 Years
Ferrer, Maria R 25 Years
Gamsky, Thomas E 25 Years
Garcia, Lorena 25 Years
Garcia, Rosemarie R 25 Years
Goldstein, David N 25 Years
Goss, Rhonda N 25 Years
Hendra, Nancy S 25 Years
Hernandez, Margarita 25 Years
Hill, Derelle Y 25 Years
Hoang, Loan T 25 Years
Hurtado, Leticia 25 Years
Kenagy, Bruce H 25 Years
Kumalo, Tokozani V 25 Years
Lochhead, Raquel L 25 Years
Lopez, Eva R 25 Years
Mercer, Kimberly C 25 Years
Millado, Nestor Y 25 Years
Morioka, Steven T 25 Years
Nash, Alyce M 25 Years
Noori, Farnaz S 25 Years
O'Mary, Elena 25 Years
Phothypom, Nancy 25 Years
Pierce, Darrell L 25 Years
Ruiz, Virginia 25 Years
Sanchez, Maria E 25 Years
Soberal, Gilbert 25 Years
Stanton, Peggy A 25 Years
Tesolin, Maria 25 Years
Thomas, Maria C.D. 25 Years
Turner, Vicki A 25 Years
Uy, Marissa C 25 Years

Health Services Department Cont.

Vargas, Margarita I 25 Years
Vogel, Sonja 25 Years
Walker, Tracey 25 Years
Ward, Connie W 25 Years
White, Keith C 25 Years
Whitworth, Judith E 25 Years
Wong, Jenny M 25 Years
Allen, Barbara J 20 Years
Ataii, Shideh 20 Years
Bauzon, Regina P 20 Years
Bunting, Lorene J 20 Years
Diaz, Mireya 20 Years
Draper, Theresa A 20 Years
Easton, Cynthia A 20 Years
Fiso, Christopher M 20 Years
Flores, Martha A 20 Years
Hampton-Jarvis, Joe Ann 20 Years
Howard, Phyllis 20 Years
Iosua, Faalua 20 Years
Luna, Esther 20 Years
Lynch, Martin F 20 Years
Madrigal, Teresa 20 Years
Magana, Rosa 20 Years
Magana, Sandra M 20 Years
Mata, Leticia M 20 Years
McCoy, Elizabeth A 20 Years
McKinnon, Robert D 20 Years
Monta, Oscar F 20 Years
Munoz-Zuniga, Patricia 20 Years
Onate, Luz-Elena 20 Years
Philbrick, Toni 20 Years
Simes, Michele Y 20 Years
Srinivasan, Swarnalatha 20 Years
Tamayo, Gerald D 20 Years
Wiggins, John M 20 Years
Wright, Karen S 20 Years
Yi, Chung Sun 20 Years
Yuen, Marina J 20 Years

Human Resources

Zandonella, Nancy A 30 Years

Library

Imada, Nadine R 40 Years
Malin, Rebecca 35 Years
Shipe, Judith A 35 Years
Fuller, Elizabeth A 25 Years

Probation Department

Barnhart, Tammy J 30 Years
Barnes, Laurie L 25 Years
Billeci, Todd M 25 Years
Nicolosi, Paul P 25 Years
Battle, Joseph F 20 Years
Johnson, Gregory J 20 Years

Public Defender

Moghtader, Karen J 30 Years
Mayer, Kimberly L 20 Years

Public Works Department

Bueren, Julia 35 Years
Landry, John 35 Years
Williams, Elton 35 Years
Costa, Leo J 30 Years
Medina, Anthony S 30 Years
Willmer, Ronald 30 Years
Yee, Joseph Wai 30 Years

Public Works Department Cont.

Brumbaugh, Kevin L 25 Years
Casey, Jerry J 25 Years
Detjens, Paul R 25 Years
Hendry III, Robert 25 Years
Schamach, Barry L 25 Years
Weder, Linda M 25 Years
Yip, Brian 25 Years
Hendry, Howard T 20 Years
Hollie, Reginald 20 Years
Pierce, Douglas R 20 Years
Smith Jr, Dock 20 Years
Valdez, Margaret 20 Years

Sheriff-Coroner's Office

Adams, David H 25 Years
Burton, Michael C 25 Years
Christensen, Eric 25 Years
Grottka, James F 25 Years
Gruenheid, Roxane 25 Years
Hudson, Veronica 25 Years
Keremian, Linda S 25 Years
Kollo, Bani F 25 Years
Moore, Michael K 25 Years
Moss, Marlene 25 Years
O Mary, Marion P 25 Years
Oest, Rudolph H 25 Years
Pytlak, Jaroslaw K 25 Years
Wells, Karen V 25 Years
Chamblee, Melvin 20 Years
Evans, Steven J 20 Years
Fuhrmann, Jacki L 20 Years
Hernandez, Manuel P 20 Years
Schuler, Matthew F 20 Years

Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office

Bauzon, Fernando T 30 Years
Moe, Eric H 30 Years
Wright, Marcus E 30 Years
Craig, Dorcas A 20 Years
Gideon, Corrie L 20 Years

RETIREMENTS w/20+ Years Service

Animal Services

Terry A. DeCosta 31 Years
Joseph M. DeCosta 30 Years

Public Works

David Nyberg 33 Years
Roland Hindsman 31 Years+
Tony Medina 30 Years+
Dwayne Wiseman 28 Years
Henry Finch 27 Years+
Cathy Lueders 23 Years+
Steve Silveira 23 Years+
Leonardo Ng 21 Years+
Raul Sandate 21 Years+
John Abraham 21 Years

Sheriff-Coroner's Office

Michael Burton 25 Years
Henry Tao 22 Years

*Information as reported to County Clips by departments. All departments were invited to submit recent retiree information, some departments may not have done so.

Contra Costa *Clerk-Recorder's Office* Sees a Surge in *Marriage Ceremonies*

There was a lot of love in the air this Spring at the Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder's Office. The number of civil ceremonies conducted at the Clerk-Recorder's Office has increased by almost 12 percent during the first six months of 2017, compared to last year. There were 1,087 wedding ceremonies conducted in from January through June of this year.

Clerk-Recorder staff members point to several reasons for the upswing including increasing the work hours designated for weddings and the addition of an online service for reserving the Clerk-Recorder's two wedding chapels. "We want to offer couples more time and opportunity to have their special day. So far, the public has responded," Assistant Clerk-Recorder Barbara Dunmore said.

The County Clerk-Recorder's Office used to offer ceremonies from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and did not

offer appointments during the lunch hour. Staff members say that the majority of customers express interest in getting married during the afternoon. Ceremonies now start at 8:30 a.m. and are held until 4:30 p.m. Fridays have been especially busy during the first few months of the year.

Since transitioning to an on-line appointment system last fall,

the Clerk-Recorder's Office has seen an uptick in the number of customers booking the County's two chapel rooms. The service also provides couples with email reminders and prompts about their wedding date. The Clerk-Recorder's Office had 1415 appointments booked from starting the online calendar last September to the end of March. The most popular time is 3:30 p.m., with 156 appointments booked during that time. Dunmore also credits word of mouth for the spike in wedding ceremonies. "The word is getting around that we have two gorgeous private rooms available. It's not what customers typically expect for a civil ceremony," she said.

More information about the County Clerk-Recorder's Office services can be found on the website at <http://www.ccclerkrec.us/> or contact them by phone at 925-335-7900.

Clerk-Recorder and Elections Team Hosts County Services BLOCK PARTY

The Clerk-Recorder and Elections offices maintained later hours during the Summer on Thursday nights, they invited other County departments to join them for an evening of one-stop shopping for County Services at a block party on August 10.

Nearly 200 area residents took advantage of the opportunity to obtain a wide variety of County services, all in one convenient location. Animal licensing, voter registration, sign ups for CalFresh, Medi-Cal and veterans benefits were all available onsite. In addition, visitors could get copies of vital records, marriage licenses and access job training and employment services from the County. Stay tuned for next Summer when the County block party returns!



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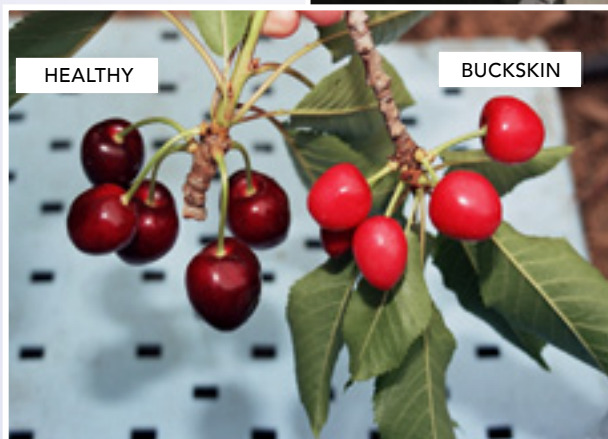
Cooperative Extension & Agriculture Department win an IPM *Achievement Award*



UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) in Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture have been awarded a 2016 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Achievement Award by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for their Cherry Buckskin Project.

Cherry Buckskin is a disease that has wiped out cherry production in several areas of California since it was first reported in 1931. In the 1980's, it was discovered in neighboring San Joaquin County and had the potential to devastate our local cherry industry if it got in to Contra Costa County. To prevent the establishment of this disease here, UCCE and the County Agriculture Department began the Cherry Buckskin Project in 1987.

Every year they conduct an annual survey of the cherry orchards with the help 10-20 UCCE Master Gardener volunteers and the local cherry growers and industry.



Healthy cherry fruit and fruit with symptoms of cherry buckskin disease (right). Photo credit: Janet Caprile



Accepting an award from the CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation, for the Cherry Buckskin Project. From left to right: Jorge Vargas, Claire Bernardo, Janet Caprile, and Matt Slattengren.

The disease has subtle symptoms that are only evident the week of harvest and that take a practiced eye to spot. The surveyors found the disease as soon as it showed up here in 2002 and the Project guided growers in an aggressive integrated pest management (IPM) treatment program that minimized pesticide use and successfully eradicated the disease.

The 2016 Achievement Award was presented at a ceremony at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters on January 26 in Sacramento. Attending the award ceremony with Project Leader and UCCE Farm Advisor Janet Caprile were Matthew Slattengren, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures, Jorge Vargas, Agricultural Biologist Weights and Measures Inspector, and Claire Bernardo, representing UC Master Gardener volunteers.

Resources:

UC Cooperative Extension, Contra Costa County, cecontracosta.ucanr.edu

CCC Agriculture Department, <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/2204/Agriculture>

UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa County, ccmg.ucanr.edu

UC Integrated Pest Management (IPM), ipm.ucanr.edu

Congratulations to *Contra Costa Television (CCTV)*

for receiving a first place States of California and Nevada Television Access Recognition (S.T.A.R.) Award from the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications

Officers and Advisors (SCAN/NATOA) for its Elections Coverage entry into the 2017 awards program. The Elections Coverage category entry was of the District V Board of Supervisors debate between incumbent, Supervisor Federal Glover, and the challenger City of Martinez Council Member, Anna Maria Farias.



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The 2017 Holiday Food Fight is around the corner – with some changes coming for the County's always-successful effort to help combat hunger in our community.



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Get a sneak peek in October and a guide to finding information in our next issue.

